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Football Games

How Much Fun is too Much Fun?

Charlotte Catholic football games have long been praised for their electric atmosphere and unrivaled display of school spirit, and heralded because of the respect the fans show for not only the opponent, but themselves

On Friday night, kids from all over Charlotte gather to watch the Cougars play, and most likely win. Catholic Football games have been a South Charlotte tradition for years, but lately their reputation has been threatened because of students trying to have a bit too much fun.

Alcohol, it has been a part of high school for years in the past and will be a part of high school for years to come. Many students have come to think that it is impossible to have a good time without Alcohol, so they decide to consume it before football games. Recently these “pre-game” activities have been brought to the administration’s attention, and the games have been on lock down ever since.

The administration has tightened its grip on student behavior at football games. Recently, these games have been home to more police officers than a doughnut shop. They are ready to breathalyze any suspicious subjects at a moment’s notice. These may seem like radical measures to some, but the administration will stop at nothing to recapture Charlotte Catholic’s reputation.

Most high schools would punish these students for their actions and move on, but not Catholic. Charlotte Catholic High School holds itself to a higher standard than other schools, and these types of activities will not be permitted. There are hundreds of future Cougars at football games, and these incidents set a very bad example. Catholic has too much pride to let this go on, so they are working at full force to put an end to all of it.

Some students think it is unfair that the entire student body has to pay for the mistakes of a few kids. One student said “I just think the administration is being a bit harsh, those kids made mistakes and should have to pay the price, but not every single student should be punished.” Students have a right to be angry, but not at the administration. Instead they should be angry at their fellow peers who acted irresponsibly and ruined it for everyone.

Students must realize that the administration does not want to punish the student body, but it is their only option. In order to continue its great tradition and uphold its clean reputation, Charlotte Catholic must take action. This is not the first time Charlotte Catholic has faced adversity, and just like every other time, the school will overcome it and become stronger in the end.